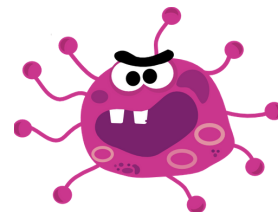


Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

- A new coronavirus that causes respiratory illness in people. It was first identified in Wuhan, China.
- Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that cause illness in people ranging from the common cold to more serious illness.
- We continue to learn about this coronavirus and its characteristics as the outbreak continues.



How is COVID-19 spread?

- COVID-19 is thought to be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person sneezes or coughs.



What are the symptoms caused by COVID-19?

- Symptoms include:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath



Am I at risk for contracting COVID-19?

- Right now, this virus has not been found to be spreading in the United States.
- Risk to the general U.S. public is low at this time.
- You may be at risk if you have traveled to certain places in China.
- If you have traveled to China and are experiencing the symptoms listed above, please contact your healthcare provider.

How is COVID-19 prevented and treated?

- There are everyday actions to take to help prevent spread of illnesses:
 - Getting the flu vaccine.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when feeling sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit DC Health's website:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus>

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